

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/15/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention requires a system for controlling currency exchange and merchandise sales on an aircraft comprising a service cart, a point of sale computer, a security drawer, wherein the security drawer includes a locked, closed position and an unlocked, open position. The allowable features are a security drawer moveably mounted in a sleeve, the security drawer having, when the security drawer is mounted in the service cart: a locked, closed position such that the body cannot be removed from the service cart when the security drawer is in the locked, closed position; and an unlocked, open position such that an interior of the security drawer may be accessed when the security drawer in the unlocked, open position.

Bertagna et al. (5,057,677) discloses a system for controlling currency exchange and merchandise sales on an aircraft comprising a service cart and a point of sale computer.

Bertagna et al. fails to disclose a security drawer.

Pagliaccio (see Figure 1) and Bachman (see Figure 1) both disclose security drawers with sleeves but fail to disclose the specifics set forth above for each of the locked and unlocked positions. Pagliaccio fails to disclose a security drawer moveably mounted in a sleeve, the security drawer having, when the security drawer is mounted in the service cart: a locked, closed position such that the body cannot be removed from the service cart when the security drawer is in the locked, closed position. Bachman fails to disclose a security drawer moveably mounted in a sleeve, the security drawer having, when the security drawer is mounted in the service cart: an unlocked, open position such that an interior of the security drawer may be accessed when the

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security drawer in the unlocked, open position. No single reference or combination of references anticipate or make obvious Applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, claims 1-24 are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. The following references are cited of interest as relevant:

Online Article (Indiana Cash Drawer Announcement) from May 21, 2000 is cited of interest for disclosing a cash drawer with a locking cover.

Japanese Patent Publication (JP 8-282499) is cited of interest for disclosing a service cart for an aircraft including a drawer.

Lopez et al. is cited of interest for disclosing a service cart with a security drawer.

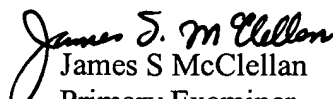
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James S. McClellan whose telephone number is (571) 272-6786.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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